

2012 Mock Newbery Discussion #2

Participating in the Mock Newbery is an opportunity to read the newest children's books and to discuss them with other passionate readers. New books will be discussed at each meeting. Please join us!

Mock Newbery Discussion #2

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Providence Athenaeum, 251 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903

(Directions below)

Please register for this program: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/ce/regis.php>

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria: 1) In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

a. Committee members need to consider the following:

- Interpretation of the theme or concept
- Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
- Development of a plot
- Delineation of characters
- Delineation of setting
- Appropriateness of style

Note: Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place on January 18, 2012 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

2012 Mock Newbery Reading List #2 (to be discussed on 11/2/11)

1. Aronson, Marc. *Trapped*.
2. Erskine, Kathryn. *The Absolute Value of Mike*.
3. Gantos, Jack. *Dead End in Norvelt*.
4. Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Come Home*.
5. Krishnaswami, Uma. *The Grand Plan to Fix Everything*.
6. LaRochelle, David. *The Haunted Hamburger and Other Ghostly Stories*.
7. MacLachlan, Patricia. *Waiting for the Magic*.
8. Morris, Gerald. *The Adventures of Sir Gawain the True*.
9. O'Connor, Sheila. *Sparrow Road*.
10. Patron, Susan. *Lucky for Good*.
11. Perl, Erica. *When Life Gives You O.J.*
12. Van Allsburg, Chris. *Queen of the Falls*.

2012 Mock Newbery Reading List #1 (discussed 9/28/11)

On the final list (to be discussed in January at the voting meeting)

1. Barnhill, Kelly Regan. *The Mostly True Story of Jack*.
2. Fleming, Candace. *Amelia Lost*.
3. Holm, Jennifer L. *The Trouble with May Amelia*.
4. Lai, Thanhha. *Inside Out and Back Again*.
5. Schmidt, Gary. *Okay for Now*.
6. Stone, Phoebe. *The Romeo and Juliet Code*.

Dropped on 9/28/11

1. Bauer, Joan. *Close to Famous*.
2. Billingsly, Franny. *Chime*.
3. Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks at Point Mouette*.
4. Rocklin, Joanne. *One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street*.
5. Shang, Wan-Long, Wendy. *The Great Wall of Lucy Wu*.
6. White, Ruth. *You'll Like it Here (Everybody Does)*.

Please feel free to send suggested titles to: cheryl.space@olis.ri.gov

Continuing sessions:

Mock Newbery Discussion #3
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
Hampden Meadows School, Barrington
7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM.

Mock Newbery Discussion #4 (voting meeting)
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Oak Lawn Branch Library, Cranston
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Directions to the Providence Athenaeum:

From I-195

I-195 East-bound, take Exit 1 Downtown Providence, and at the first traffic light turn right onto Dyer Street. Continue to the third set of lights and take a right turn onto College Street. Proceed through the first traffic light (South Main Street). You will be heading uphill. The first stop sign is Benefit Street and the Athenaeum is directly across the street on your right.

I-195 West-bound, take Exit 2 for South Main Street. Continue to the first traffic light and take a right at that light onto College Street. You will be heading uphill. The first stop sign is Benefit Street and the Athenaeum is directly across the street on your right.

From I-95

Take Exit 22A to Downtown Providence. Continue straight on Memorial Boulevard. Next, turn left onto College Hill at the 4th set of traffic lights. Proceed through the next set of lights (South Main Street) and up the hill. The first stop sign is Benefit Street and the Athenaeum is directly across the street on your right.

Please park on the street.